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CYCLONE

Bargains in Men's, Boys' and Children's Spring and Summer

CLOTHING

For Ten Days Only

We are overstocked on Spring and Summer Clothing, the season is late and we are going to turn the whole line loose at prices that will shake the earth and wipe competition off the globe. The goods must go. They will go and go fast at the prices we have put on them. Here's where we use the knife and we cut deep:

Men's two-piece, high grade, all-wool Suits, worth \$5.00, will go at	\$3.50
Men's two-piece Suits, nobby designs, all-wool, worth \$6.50, in this sale at	4.00
Men's Suits, two-piece, all-wool, something swell, worth \$7.50, will go at	5.00
Men's Suits, two-piece, extra good and hard to beat, worth \$8.00, yours for only	6.00
Men's Suits, the very best all-wool and fine as split silk worth \$10.00, take them for	7.00
50 Men's Suits, nothing to equal them in the town, 3-piece worth \$12.00, go at	7.50
400 pairs of high-grade Summer Pants, worth from \$1.50 to \$5.00, will go at 75c to	3.50
200 Boys' fine Summer Suits, worth from \$1.00 to \$7.50, will go at from 50c to	3.50
150 Youth's two-piece Suits, extra good, worth from \$4.50 to \$12.00, will go at from \$2.75 to	4.50

These goods must be seen to be appreciated. The latest styles, quality in every garment and fit assured. You must not tarry long, for they are sure to go. The early buyer gets the choice.

Sale Is Now On--Lasts But 10 Days

CHEAP JAKE

Durant's Big Bargain House

INDIAN COMMISSIONER.

Tams Bixby is Appointed and Will Assume Charge July 1.

Muskogee, I. T., May 29.—Official announcement was received from Washington today of the appointment of Tams Bixby as Indian Commissioner.

Mr. Bixby has been chairman of the Dawes commission six years, and is one of the best posted men on Indian Territory affairs in the country. He will wind up the affairs of the government here, assuming full charge of the work on July 4, when the Dawes commission ceases to exist. Mr. Bixby is a Minnesotan, and is at this time in Red Cloud attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, who died there last Saturday.

We have a customer who wants to buy land within five or six miles of Durant. If you have the land and want to sell, come and see us. Hatchett & Cox. 44-6t

Died at Sterrett.

J. E. Massey of Sterrett died Monday evening very suddenly of heart and stomach trouble. He had been sick for a long time, but it was thought he was improving. He had been up walking around town. Coming in home in the evening he laid down on a bed and not moving for some time his wife went to him and found him dying. He was dead before the doctor could get there.

The funeral took place yesterday evening. Mr. Massey was well known in this country and North Texas where he has lived for years. He leaves a wife and five children.

No Secret About It.

It is no secret, that for cuts, burns, ulcers, fever sores, sore eyes, boils, etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It didn't take long to cure a bad sore I had, and it is all O. K. for sore eyes," writes D. L. Gregory, of Hope, Tex. 25c at all drug stores.

WE HAD TO HAVE MORE ROOM

We have leased the building on Second Street formerly occupied by F. D. Ross & Co. We will use that space for ware room. That will, with our present space, enable us to handle FURNITURE in LARGER QUANTITIES. We will use our two buildings on Main Street for Display Rooms only.

Nothing but the Best of Everything Furniture line will be kept in our Main Street Buildings. : : :

We will begin to make changes soon. In the meantime if you are in need of anything in our line. We will make it to your interest to visit our store and get prices before you buy. Will have to move some goods before we can make the desired improvements. Come and get some bargains.

W. B. Petty Furniture Company.

FIGHT ON THE TRIBAL TAX

Commercial Club of Tulsa and Muskogee Raise Fund to Make Test.

PEOPLE TO RESIST REMOVAL

Writs of Injunction Against Indian Police to Be Asked For —It is Collectible on June 1st.

Tulsa, I. T., May 30.—The Commercial Club of this city has raised a fund of \$200 to go into a common fund raised over the Territory, which will be used in resisting the collection of the Creek Nation tribal tax, imposed by the Creek Nation Council, when the nation was under control of that body. The tax has not been collected for three years, pending a decision in the courts and since the decision was adverse to the white people, the first payment becomes due June 1.

It has been practically decided not to pay the tax without resistance and plans to escape the assessments have been made. Congress recently passed an act that provides no United States Court or official has authority to enforce a law passed by an Indian council. The punishment for refusing to pay the tax is removal from the nation, and the plan is to resist removal by asking writs of injunction against the Indian police, which will delay matters until such a time as a decision can be had from the Supreme Court of the United States, and later from the President, in case the court's decision is adverse to the position the people have taken.

Muskogee, I. T., May 30.—At a meeting of business men here last night a resolution was adopted pledging every man present to resist the payment of the Creek tribal tax. Over six hundred of the leading business men of the city were present, and not only did they declare against paying the tribal tax, but subscribed liberally to the fund being raised to defray the expenses of the case now pending in the United States Supreme Court. They are confident of winning this case and will send a committee of five with attorneys in the case to Washington to appeal to the Secretary to defer collection of the tax which under a ruling of the Secretary of the Interior, must be paid tomorrow under penalty of closing every man's place of business who refuses. If Secretary Hitchcock refuses the committee will appeal to President Roosevelt.

There is no penalty for refusing to pay, as it has been decided that no one can be ejected from the Territory who refuse to comply with the ruling of the Secretary, and an act of Congress prohibits the judiciary from enforcing a tribal law. This is an absolute law of the Creek tribe which Indians have never sought to have enforced, and the business men of the entire Creek Nation have passed resolutions refusing to pay it.

On the first indication of kidney trouble, stop it by taking Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by O. L. Shannon.

INDIANS MUST RETURN DEEDS

Official Notice Served on Governors of the Choctaws and Chickasaws.

HITCHCOCK MUST SIGN THEM

It is Believed That the Governors Will Give up the Fight and Acknowledge the Secretary.

The following official notice is authorized by the Dawes Commission:

Department of the Interior, Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Notice—The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes is this day directed by the Secretary of the Interior to give public notice that all patents to allotments to citizens and freedmen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations delivered by the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation and the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, must be returned to the commission to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

TAMS BIXBY, Chairman. Muskogee, I. T., May 24, 1905.

The department will see that the allottees will receive the patents duly executed and approved by the Secretary. If the tribal executives fail to observe the opinion of the Attorney General, action will probably be taken to compel them to do so or cease issuing deeds, even if it becomes necessary to appeal to the United States courts to enjoin them from issuing more deeds.

In the event they refuse to sign the deeds, further action may be delayed until the tribal government goes out of existence, March 4, 1906, when Congress will make provision for the delivery of the deeds.

It is the opinion of the Dawes commission that no further trouble will be experienced with the governors, as their fight seemed to be against the Interior Department, and it is believed they will not dispute the opinion of the Attorney General.

In a recent letter of Governor McCurtain to the commission, the governor cited the opinion of the Attorney General in several cases, which opinions he seemed to concur in, but he doubted the authority of Secretary Hitchcock to become a necessary signatory party to the deeds for citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes.

This order brings the governors of the two nations to a showdown and it remains to be seen whether they will advise the allottees to return their patents for approval or whether they will issue patents of their own as they said they would do in case the present contingency arose.

The attorneys for the two nations have been notified.

Warning.

If you have kidney or bladder trouble and do not use Foley's Kidney Cure, you will have only yourself to blame for results, as it positively cures all forms of kidney and bladder diseases. Sold by O. L. Shannon.

STREET CARS FOR DURANT

Dr. Jas. L. Shuler Will Ask City Council for Franchise to Establish a

SYSTEM OF STREET CARS

Proposes to Cover Principal Streets and Have Cars Moving Within Twelve Months' Time.

Dr. Jas. L. Shuler, a prominent physician and citizen of the city, will at the next regular meeting of the council, June 6, ask that a franchise be granted him for the construction and maintenance of a system of street cars for the city of Durant.

The franchise to be presented the council has not as yet been framed in entirety, but Dr. Shuler will propose to begin work on the system within the next thirty days and to have it completed and in operation within a year.

The exact streets that are to be covered by the system have not as yet been determined upon, but it is proposed to cover all the principal streets in all parts of the city. In the beginning only the leading principal streets will be covered, but as the city advances and the demand for transportation increases the system will be extended.

In the start out the system will be propelled by horse power. As the city grows and just as the occasion will demand, the horse power will be abandoned and the electric system installed. It is believed that the electric system will be put on within the next two or three years, perhaps sooner.

Something like three miles of track will be put down the first year. This will give employment to from thirty to forty home men. From three to five cars will be run regular for the first year and more on special occasions. The first track to be laid will be from the depot up Main street to Ninth avenue, up Ninth avenue to the Durant College, east on Louest street to Third or Second

avenues and then down to Main street.

Dr. Shuler will ask for nothing but a reasonable franchise from the city and it is believed that the city will grant it, for it is understood that all the aldermen are favorable to the movement. It will all depend upon the stipulations of the franchise. If the council finds the franchise good, the people will be asked to vote on it.

If the franchise is granted, Dr. Shuler will proceed to form a company of local men and then to work.

KEIRSEY NEWS BUDGET.

This section was visited by a heavy rain and hailstorm last Saturday, some of the hail stones being as large as quail's eggs, doing considerable damage to corn and garden stuff.

Miss Daisy Buckley spent last Thursday in Durant.

Mrs. Effie Rabin of Southern Texas is here on an extended visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gurley.

Mrs. W. D. Minor is on the sick list.

Mrs. W. D. Keirsey went to Durant shopping Monday.

Mrs. Charley Dobbs and two sons spent Sunday night and Monday with Mrs. M. A. Buckley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thornton spent Sunday in Durant.

A few of our farmers sold cotton last week.

Marvin Cox and family are spending a few days with his family here.

Mr. Sam Weaver gave an ice cream supper last Friday night in honor of her niece, Miss Dora Alexander of Garland, Texas. All who attended report an evening most enjoyable spent.

H. R. Bass went over to Durant Tuesday on business.

Daniel Suffady is on the sick list. Guess he's heart sick.

Miss Effie Thornton returned home from a very pleasant visit to Durant friends.

Road Working.

Everybody living in the community of Fulsom Grove, Cox Chapel, Twelve Mile Prairie and Nail Crossing and all interested parties are notified to meet at 2 miles northwest of Durant at new bridge to work hill and road on Saturday, June 10, 1905.

COMMITTEE.

Going Fast

BETTER GET SOME

That big line of Wall Paper we are offering for just half the real value is going like Russians before the Japanese guns, and like the Russians, will not last long at the prices we are making.

12c Roll Patterns for 6 cents
15c Roll Patterns for 7 1/2c
25c Roll Patterns for 17 1/2c
50c Roll Patterns for 35 cents

There is over 5000 rolls to select from—the latest designs and quality the very best. You can't beat it in the city of Chicago. The big sale goes on all of this week. Hurry—get Wall Paper.

Durant Furniture Co.

G. W. Holmes, Manager.